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NUMBER READ FROM A SHEET

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A2.

The relevance of Document A3 is described in the present specification.

Document A4 relates to a system that optically reads a telephone number written on a card surface, and for automatically dialing the number.

Document A5 relates to a telephone set that has an optical character sensor that discriminates the presence or absence of characters for a telephone card on which telephone numbers of incoming subscribers are written.

Document A6 relates to a telephone set that includes a telephone number reader that can optically read a telephone number, a name and an address which are printed, and which can automatically transmit a telephone number.

Document A7 relates to a system including a telephone receiver that receives an image signal and that stores the image signal, and a number recognition circuit that recognizes a telephone number from the stored image information and that sends the telephone number to a telephone set.

Document A8 relates to a communication terminal equipment with an optical character recognition (OCR) reader that can read special bar codes. An English translation of each of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

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